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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to weak, but mostly weak. Demand into all channels was slow to fair at best with limited interest. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate to ample; floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was light and unaggressive for midweek trading. Breast items were at least adequate, but boneless skinless breasts were at times burdensome and frequently discounted to help clear. Wings were sufficient to instances close balanced, and dark meat was mixed, but available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 75.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 77.25 cents last year on September 22, 2004.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	176.00
BREASTS - B/S	152.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	87.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	135.50
LEG QUARTERS	49.00
WINGS	97.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand into all channels was slow to fair with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample and discounted to help move additional product. In the parts structure, movement was fair at best. Supplies of all items were at least adequate with boneless skinless breasts more available and competitively priced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were readily available at discounted levels. Retail and distributive movement was limited. The market tone was weak. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were readily available and slow to clear; bone-in breasts were at least adequate for current needs. Dark meat cuts and wings were adequate to at least adequate.

**MIDWEST REGION** The market tone was steady to weak on whole broiler/fryers. Offerings remained heavy for a disinterested trade interest. All channels were noted diminished demand, slow to fair at best. Floor stocks adequate to ample; weights desirable. Supplies of all parts were available; wings, thigh and leg meat were in balance to at times barely adequate; bone-in breasts, tenders and leg quarters were adequate; boneless/skinless breasts were ample and discounted. The market tone was steady to firm on wings and dark meat, steady to fully steady on leg quarters, steady on tenders, and barely steady to weak on the balance.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was barely steady to weak. Offerings were fully adequate with heavy weight whole body product in the longest position. Discounts were common to help place excess product. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand moderate with best interest to cover promotions. Floor stocks generally adequate. The market tone was about steady to weak on parts, with white meat items in the weakest position.

## BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 17, 2005. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## CHICKS DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 17, 2005. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through September 17, 2005 were 6.50 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

	WEEK ENDING 09/17/05	2005	2004	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	202,780	197,407		+03
CHICKS PLACED	172,624	173,376		0

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 29-Oct-05 is estimated at 158.1 million head. This compares to 156.7 million head the previous week and to 163.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 68.01 cents per pound

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEPTEMBER 21, 2005

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	549	106.00-179.00	-	128.50
TENDERLOINS	214	145.00-198.00	147-149	149.45
BREAST - LINE RUN	114	85.00-92.00	-	87.37
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	581	44.00-47.00	45-46	45.63
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	950	45.00-49.00	47-48	47.71
WINGS (WHOLE)	332	88.00-99.00	89-92	91.97
WINGS (CUT)	300	108.00-115.00	111-114	113.10
DRUMSTICKS	71	50.00-70.00	54-57	53.52
THIGHS	59	54.00-72.00	-	57.32
B/S THIGHS	100	122.00-140.00	-	130.70

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	675	100.00-160.00	-	113.41
TENDERLOINS	208	140.00-188.00	142-147	146.27
BREAST - LINE RUN	134	82.00-91.00	85-87	86.45
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	596	43.00-47.00	45-46	45.52
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	320	45.00-50.00	47	47.25
WINGS (WHOLE)	287	90.00-99.00	93-95	94.42
WINGS (CUT)	295	108.00-115.00	111-114	113.15
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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 F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE

44.00-47.00

45.63

RANGE

TODAY'S AVERAGE

47.50-54.50

51.10

5-DAY AVERAGE

51.37

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

### NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was light and unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were ample to instances burdensome and often discounted to stimulate lackluster buyer interest; bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient for current needs. Wings were mostly adequate. Retail and distributive movement was light to no better than fair. The market tone was weak for boneless skinless breast. The balance of items were cautiously steady.

\*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	142.25	745,340
TENDERLOINS	150	144.53	264,847
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	91.65	87,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	85.17	79,400
LEGS	64-65	63.33	317,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	47.95	329,760
DRUMSTICKS	54-55	58.38	130,980
THIGHS	61-62	65.74	55,420
B/S THIGHS	135-136	125.53	92,040
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	97.97	210,700
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.20	20,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	46.21	20,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	69.77	11,800

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	141.03	559,120
TENDERLOINS	150	143.41	142,540
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	92.59	79,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	85.13	72,000
LEGS	64-65	62.59	156,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	48.17	291,520
DRUMSTICKS	53-54	60.27	119,920
THIGHS	61-62	70.01	46,440
B/S THIGHS	135-136	129.54	87,220
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	98.18	198,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.69	23,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.80	11,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	70.58	14,640

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INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	WTS
	09/21	09/20	09/19	09/16	09/14
Alabama	4,110	4,094	4,000	5,106	5.34
Arkansas	5,430	5,438	5,131	5,840	5.15
Delmarva	2,334	2,296	(A)	2,217	(A)
KY-LA-TN	2,327	2,297	1,956	2,599	5.26
Mississippi	3,028	3,053	2,932	2,753	5.85
North Car	2,589	2,564	2,471	2,567	6.63
Texas	2,513	2,520	2,559	2,562	5.17
Total	22,331	22,262	21,313	25,449	5.49
Mon-Wed	66,509	(A)			5.42
					21,960
					5.62
					66,461 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Sep-05 is estimated to be 33,410,000 head up 1.39 percent from a week ago and up 8.85 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,953,000, last year 30,695,000)

### AVG SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

#### DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

#### DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	105-107
DRY PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	108-112
DRY PACK	111-112
HENS OVER 5#	93-95
DRY PACK	95-105
DUCKS	180-192

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Sep-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/24/05 (1)	09/17/05
	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	170,241 (2)	172,166
Light hens	1,283	1,055
Heavy hens	1,541	1,563
Total	173,065	174,784

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 24-Sep-05 is 163.1 million head compared to 163.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.6 million head or 7.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 01-Oct-05 the estimated available is 164.8 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 09/19/05	115,835	52,382
AM 09/01/05	118,073	52,120
CHG	-2,238	262
PCT CHG	-2	1

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/19/05	09/12/05	09/20/04	09/19/05	09/12/05	09/20/04
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	4,928	4,931	20,939	4,168	4,217	5,611
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	116	96	351	2,092	2,084	3,441

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2005

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	76-80
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	82-85

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 09/20/05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
	1.20	3.60	2.17				
HEAVY FOWL lb.				HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	9.25	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.50	1.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	.60	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.05	.10	.08	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.50	1.55	.87	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.75	3.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	38						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending September 16, 2005

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	69.29	142.77	96.58	21.00	12.60	69.29
High	72.22	146.97	100.78	25.19	16.80	69.29
Mostly	71.39	142.77	96.58	21.00	16.80	69.29

**SAN JUAN**

Low	62.99	138.57	92.38	16.80	12.60	67.19
High	70.13	142.77	96.58	21.00	16.80	67.19
Mostly	67.19	138.57	96.58	18.90	12.60	67.19

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	65.09	142.77	92.38	16.80	12.60	69.29
High	72.22	146.97	96.58	21.00	16.80	69.29
Mostly	67.19	142.77	96.58	16.80	16.80	69.29

**BECERRA**

Low	67.19	146.97	100.78	21.00	12.60	75.58
High	75.58	155.37	109.18	25.19	21.00	75.58
Mostly	67.19	146.97	109.18	25.19	16.80	75.58

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and unaggressive. Offerings were readily available and competitively priced, especially on the larger sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 71 to 82 cents. Trade sentiment remained generally weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, supplies were fully adequate to ample and buyer interest was limited, particularly for the readily available supply of boneless/skinless breasts. ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK ENDING 09/17/2005 WAS 11,338,264 @ 5.57 LBS.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED  
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	67-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.	

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